Lady Doctor in the Vaikam District Hospital.

314 *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representations, either this year (1110) or last year, from the public of Vaikam, for a lady doctor in the Vaikam District Hospital and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petitioners were informed that the posting of a lady doctor at Vaikam would receive consideration when more Lady Medical Officers were entertained in the Medical Department.

Bridge across the Alleppey-Shertala Canal.

315 *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether they are convinced of the necessity of a bridge across the Alleppey-Shertala Canal west of the Shertala Police Station, English and Vernacular Schools ;

(*b*) how long it is since the old bridge on the site has gone into disuse ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the public and the school-going children are put to very great inconvenience for want of such a bridge ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Just over two years.

(*c*) Yes.

Toll-Gate at Neriamangalam.

316 *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) when the toll-gate at Neriamangalam was established first ; and

(*b*) the toll revenue accrued to Government from the gate prior to the opening of the Neriamangalam bridge ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) From the beginning of 1108 M. E.,

(*b*) Rs. 21,505 approximately.

Alleppey Water Supply Scheme.

317 *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to provide drinking water for Alleppey from a reservoir to be erected at Pazhaveed ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the scheme has been scrutinised by an expert and

(*c*) the estimated cost and the approximate time for the completion of the scheme ?

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